IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Harald HIRSCHMANN et al. Examiner: Unassigned

Serial No.: NEW Group Art Unit: Unassigned

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Title: 1,4-Di-(trans-4-Cyclohexyl)benzene Derivatives and Their Use in Liquid Crystal

Media and Liquid Crystal Devices

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 23 of this paper.